

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been objected to because of an informality. The Applicant amends claim 1 to overcome this objection.

The Examiner has withdrawn the rejections based on Abileah. However, an obviousness type double patenting rejection has been issued over claims 1-4 of US 6,606,193; US 6,542,300 and US 6,667,787.

The Applicant respectfully encloses a terminal disclaimer disclaiming portions of any patent that is issued from the present Application beyond the expiry dates of the above three patents.

Since there exist no other pending grounds for the rejection of the claims, they should be allowed.

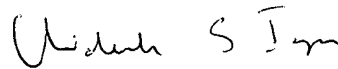
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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